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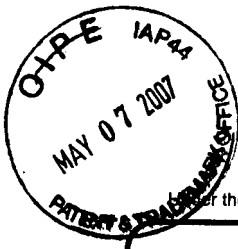
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- § 1.57(a) - to accord a filing date.
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- § 1.183 - to suspend the rules.
- § 1.378(e) - for reconsideration of decision on petition refusing to accept delayed payment of maintenance fee in an expired patent.
- § 1.741(b) - to accord a filing date to an application under § 1.740 for extension of a patent term.

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- § 1.296 - to withdraw a request for publication of a statutory invention registration filed on or after the date the notice of intent to publish issued.
- § 1.377 - for review of decision refusing to accept and record payment of a maintenance fee filed prior to expiration of a patent.
- § 1.550(c) - for patent owner requests for extension of time in ex parte reexamination proceedings.
- § 1.956 - for patent owner requests for extension of time in inter partes reexamination proceedings.
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- § 1.313 - to withdraw an application from issue.
- § 1.314 - to defer issuance of a patent.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:	U.S. Patent No.:	6,066,160
Colvin <i>et al.</i>	Owner:	Quickie, L.L.C.
Appl. No. 09/198,087	Filed:	November 23, 1998
For: <b>Passive Knotless Suture Terminator For Use in Minimally Invasive Surgery and to Facilitate Standard Tissue Securing</b>	Issued:	May 23, 2000
	Art Unit:	3731

**PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.378(e)**

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Sir:

The above-referenced patent, U.S. Patent No. 6,066,160 ("the '160 patent"), expired for delayed payment of the first maintenance fee. Submitted herewith is Petitioner's Petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.378(e) for Reconsideration of the Decision on Petition (the "Reconsideration Petition"). In connection therewith, Petitioner respectfully states as follows:

**I. SUPPLEMENTS TO AND FURTHER COMMENTS CONCERNING  
THE EXHIBITS**

Petitioner is providing a new Exhibit 15 setting forth Petitioner's most recent attempt to obtain documents from Thelen, Reid & Priest, LLP ("Thelen") and Greenberg Traurig, LLP ("Greenberg"), and their responses thereto.

On March 14, 2007, Petitioner wrote to Thelen again seeking production of the listed documentation for use in connection with the present Reconsideration Petition. Thelen apparently forwarded Petitioner's correspondence to outside counsel, who merely repeated Thelen's prior refusals to produce any documents to assist Petitioner in connection with this Reconsideration Petition. To date, Thelen has not produced a single document for Petitioner's use in support of either the original Reinstatement Application 35/03/2007 YPOLITE1 C2900369 6066160 or the current Reconsideration Petition.

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Similarly, Exhibit 15 includes Petitioner's April 6, 2007 correspondence to Greenberg, likewise requesting production of the listed documentation for use in connection with the present Reconsideration Petition. Greenberg responded to this correspondence in an April 13, 2007 letter (also included), not to state that they have no responsive documents, but rather to reiterate that Greenberg was refusing to produce any such documents on the grounds that they are irrelevant because Greenberg had no responsibility for payment of maintenance fees on the '160 Patent. As with Thelen, to date Greenberg has not produced a single document to assist Petitioner in its efforts to reinstate the '160 Patent.

While Petitioner would undoubtedly prefer to attach more documentary evidence in support of its request for the '160 Patent's reinstatement, to date all efforts to obtain such documents and information from Petitioner's former counsel have been unsuccessful. Nevertheless, the available evidence demonstrates that the delay in paying maintenance fees was unavoidable as to Petitioner due to its outside counsel's failure to honor their statutory, regulatory, and contractual obligations. For that reason, as discussed below, Petitioner seeks entry of an order reversing the Decision on Petition and ordering reinstatement of the '160 Patent.

## **II. RESPONSE TO THE DECISION ON PETITION**

### **A. Preliminary issues needing clarification**

The Decision on Petition contains several factual and procedural inconsistencies that render the conclusions reached therein subject to further scrutiny. For example, although the Office correctly states that the decision to dismiss is made under 37 CFR 1.378(b), the Decision goes on to incorrectly state that "[t]he reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled 'Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.137'" and that extensions of time are permitted under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Decision at p. 1. Yet, correctly, the Decision grants Petitioner two months to file a "Petition for Reconsideration under 37 CFR 1.378(b)" where such time to file is not extendable. Decision at pp. 4-5 (including fn 1).

Moreover, the Decision states that "[a] showing of unavoidable delay must include a showing that the failure to pay the maintenance fee was unavoidable from the time the payment was due, May 24, 2004, through the filing of a grantable petition."

Decision at p. 4 (emphasis added). May 24, 2004, however, is the date that the patent expired, not the date where payment was due. See Decision at p. 1. November 23, 2003 was the due date of the 3.5 year maintenance fee after which, between November 24, 2003 and May 23, 2004, the fee could have been paid with a surcharge. See Decision at p. 1. Finally, May 23, 2003 was the first day the United States Patent and Trademark Office (“USPTO”) would accept payment of the fee. See Decision at p. 1. The Decision on Petitioner’s errors in the citing the significance of these dates renders the entire decision subject to question.

In addition to containing erroneous date references, the Decision also contains serious substantive errors concerning the documents and evidence Petitioner has presented. Specifically, the Decision concludes that “Patentee has failed to account for the period of time between March 4, 2003, when attorney [Todd] Sharrin’s responsibility for the patent terminated, and December 5, 2003, when Patentee filed a Change of Attorney Docket Number and Change of Address Notice. Patentee has thus failed to account for the entire delay.” Decision at p. 4. As discussed below, this conclusion cannot be supported by a review of the available facts and evidence.

At the outset, Petitioner disagrees with the Office’s conclusion that Sharinn’s responsibility for the ‘160 Patent terminated on March 4, 2003, and Petitioner further notes that there is no objective evidence in the record that would support the Office’s conclusion in that regard. Moreover, even assuming that March 4, 2003 was the date upon which Sharinn’s responsibility ended – an assumption that Petitioner vehemently contests – the power of attorney filed by Thelen on that very same date shows that at least Thelen had responsibility for maintenance fees during the March 4, 2003 to December 5, 2003 period referenced in the Decision. As such, Petitioner has accounted for the entire delay by showing with the available evidence that at all relevant times Greenberg/Sharinn and Thelen each had responsibility for maintenance fees on the ‘160 Patent. Contrary to the conclusion reached in the Decision, Petitioner has thus accounted for the entire period March 4, 2003 and December 5, 2003.

#### **B. Response to Decision, pg. 4, ¶ 1**

The Decision states that “Patentee, however, may not rely upon a delay caused by the actions or inactions of Thelen to support an assertion that payment of a maintenance

fee was unavoidable.” Decision at p. 4. The assumption underlying this conclusion is only partly correct – Petitioner relies on the delays caused by the inactions of *both* Thelen and Greenberg. As discussed previously, Petitioner has shown with the available evidence that the delay was unavoidable because at all relevant times, Thelen held Petitioner’s general power of attorney and Greenberg/Sharinn were the designated recipients of all office communications concerning maintenance fees on the ‘160 Patent. In light of those facts, it is self-evident that Petitioner was reasonably looking to its outside counsel to handle maintenance fees on the ‘160 Patent, and thus the failure to pay those fees was unavoidable to Petitioner.

#### **E. Response to Decision, pg. 4, ¶ 2, generally**

Petitioner acknowledges that, in the best of circumstances, its former outside counsel would honor their obligation to produce Petitioner’s files such that the record on this reinstatement application could be more complete. Unfortunately, both Thelen and Greenberg have stonewalled every effort to obtain those client files and other documents related to their representation of Petitioner before the Office in connection with the ‘160 Patent. For that reason, responsibility for failure to present a complete record in support of Petitioner’s reinstatement application falls squarely at the feet of Thelen and Greenberg, not Petitioner’s.

Nevertheless, as discussed herein, the evidence that is available demonstrates that the delay in paying maintenance fees on the ‘160 Patent was unavoidable to Petitioner. If the Office disagrees with that conclusion, then at a minimum Petitioner should be allowed additional time to force Thelen and Greenberg to produce documents that are necessary to complete the record on Petitioner’s reinstatement application.

### **III. CONCLUSION**

The delay in payment of maintenance fees on the ‘160 Patent was unavoidable to Petitioner because both Thelen and Greenberg failed to honor their contractual, statutory, and regulatory duties to monitor maintenance fees and notify Petitioner when those fees were due. The available evidence – as well as the evidence that is surely in Thelen’s and Greenberg’s hands that they are refusing to produce – demonstrates that the failure to timely pay maintenance fees on the ‘160 Patent was unavoidable to Petitioner.

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Attorney Docket No.: Quickie-001-PT

Simply stated, Petitioner reasonably looked to its outside counsel to monitor maintenance fees on the '160 Patent. Outside counsel placed itself firmly between the PTO and Petitioner, such that Petitioner was entirely reliant upon counsel to communicate with the PTO concerning all aspects of the '160 Patent. Petitioner thus had no opportunity to discover that outside counsel was not honoring its duties, and likewise had no opportunity to discover that the maintenance fees had not been paid. Therefore, the entire tale of unfortunate events leading to non-payment of those maintenance fees was unavoidable to Petitioner and the sole fault of Greenberg/Sharinn and Thelen.

For all of those reasons, Petitioner respectfully requests reconsideration and reversal of the Decision on Petition, and entry of an order allowing late acceptance of maintenance fees and reinstatement of the '160 Patent. In the alternative, Petitioner requests entry of an order holding this proceeding in abeyance pending Petitioner's efforts to compel Thelen and Greenberg to produce documents and information to further supplement the record in this matter.

Enclosed herewith is the \$400.00 fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(f). Payment is by credit card for \$400.00. Form PTO-2038 is attached. As to any overpayment or refund, please send a refund check.

Respectfully submitted,  
MAIER & MAIER, PLLC  
  
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Date: May 4, 2007

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# **EXHIBIT 15**



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March 14, 2007

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**CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION**

RE: U.S. Patent No. 6,066,160 of Quickie, LLC, Dr. Stephen Colvin

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Dear Mr. Blum:

Further to your response dated November 15, 2006 to our letter of October 26, 2006, we require additional information from you in order to respond to the enclosed Decision (by the USPTO's Office of Petitions) dismissing our Petition to revive the above-identified patent due to unavoidable delay in the payment of the first maintenance fee.

As stated in the Decision, "a showing of unavoidable delay must include a showing that the failure to pay the maintenance fee was unavoidable from the time the payment was due, May 24, 200[3], through the filing of a grantable petition" (page 4). The public record indicates that your firm prepared and Assignee (Quickie, LLC) executed a power of attorney on March 4, 2003 (also enclosed herewith), which also revoked all prior powers of attorney, to prosecute and transact all business in the USPTO related to your representation of Quickie in reexamination proceedings. Moreover, our records indicate that the power of attorney executed on March 4, 2003 was not revoked by Quickie until August 16, 2006.

Accordingly, evidence of the extent of your responsibility relating to Application No. 09/198,087, U.S. Patent No. 6,066,160, Re-Examination 90/006,460 filed November 25, 2002, and Re-Examination 90/007,085 filed June 30, 2004 must be produced in order to meet the required showing of unavoidable delay. Conversely, as the Office of Petitions found, the documentation you provided in response to our letter dated October

26, 2006 is insufficient to show your extent of responsibility. Simply stated, without Thelen's complete cooperation in producing the herein requested documents and information in its possession or control, if any, there is little chance that the USPTO will reverse its decision to dismiss our reinstatement application.

Specifically, we require the following documentation and information to support our request to reconsider the USPTO's decision:

(1) any and all docketing and calendaring records relating to any and all of the above-referenced matters (the two "indexes" you supplied with your response dated November 15, 2006 are not sufficient);

(2) any and all information on your business routine(s) (e.g., written procedures, processes for avoiding errors, etc.) for docketing new cases and paying maintenance fees as well as any business routine(s) for any other relevant clerical functions;

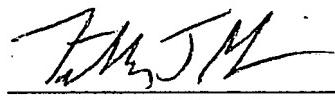
(3) identification of and access to interview the person(s) (i.e. which clerical employee(s) or third party(ies)) were responsible for docketing and the payment of maintenance fees during this time and what relevant training and experience do they possess; and

(4) identification of and access to interview the attorney(s) who authorized the docketing of any and all of the above-referenced matters (it appears likely that Mr. Krebs provided authorization for docketing).

Please contact me no later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on March 21, 2007 to discuss your ability to produce these requested documents and information. We will do everything in our power to facilitate your effort in responding including traveling to your office, if necessary, to obtain the needed records and documentation. Please do not hesitate to contact me via phone (703 740-8322 x101) or email (tjm@maierandmaier.com) if you would like to further discuss this matter with me.

With Best Regards,

Very Truly Yours,  
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**VIA E-MAIL AND FIRST CLASS MAIL**

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Re: U.S. Patent No. 6,066,160 of Quickie, LLC, Dr. Stephen Colvin

Dear Mr. Maier:

I am in receipt of your March 14, 2007 letter to Robert Blum. Please be aware that my firm represents Mr. Blum's firm in connection with this matter. We have been communicating with Walter J. Scott and Stephen Loden of Diamond McCarthy with regards to this, and expect to have further substantive communications with those gentlemen during the first week of April. I am hopeful that once we have concluded those discussions, we will be in a position to respond more fully to your letter.

Sincerely,

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**CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION**

RE: U.S. Patent No. 6,066,160 (Colvin, et al.) of Quickie, LLC

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Dear Ms. Beighey:

Further to our letter of September 26, 2006 addressed to Mr. Charles Berman of your New York office and to your email correspondence of October 20, 2006 informing us that our letter was forwarded to you in your capacity as Assistant General Counsel, we need and must request additional information so that we can fully respond to the enclosed Decision (by the USPTO's Office of Petitions) dismissing our Petition to revive the above-identified patent due to unavoidable delay in the payment of the first maintenance fee.

As stated in the Decision, "a showing of unavoidable delay must include a showing that the failure to pay the maintenance fee was unavoidable from the time the payment was due, May 24, 200[3], through the filing of a grantable petition" (page 4). Accordingly, evidence of the extent of your responsibility relating to Application No. 09/198,087, U.S. Patent No. 6,066,160 (the '160 patent), *Medtronic* litigation filed February 13, 2002, Re-Examination 90/006,460 filed November 25, 2002, and Re-Examination 90/007,085 filed June 30, 2004 must be produced in order to meet the required showing of unavoidable delay. It is our understanding that you assigned matter number 010700 to the '160 patent prosecution file (Application No. 09/198,087) and matter number 010900 to at least the first Re-Examination file (No. 90/006,460) as well as matter number 010400 to the *Medtronic* litigation file.

Specifically, we require the following documentation and information to support our request to reconsider the USPTO's decision:

(1) any and all docketing and calendaring records relating to any and all of the above-referenced matters (e.g., pertaining to your matter numbers: **010700** – '160 patent prosecution file; **010900** – Re-examination proceeding; **010400** – *Medtronic* litigation, etc.).

(2) any and all information on your business routine(s) (e.g., written procedures, processes for avoiding errors, etc.) for docketing new cases and paying maintenance fees as well as any business routine(s) for any other relevant clerical functions.

(3) identification of and access to interview the person(s) who were (i.e. which clerical employee(s) or third party(ies) were) responsible for docketing and the payment of maintenance fees for the '160 patent and what relevant training and experience do they possess; and

(4) identification of and access to interview the attorney(s) who authorized the docketing of any and all of the above-referenced matters (it appears likely that Mr. Todd Sharinn provided authorization for docketing the '160 patent prosecution file).

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## VIA FACSIMILE AND FEDERAL EXPRESS

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Re: U.S. Patent No. 6,066,160 (Colvin, et al.) of Quickie, LLC

Dear Mr. Maier:

I am writing in response to your letter of April 6, 2007. As we previously advised you back in November of 2006, Greenberg Traurig, LLP ("GT") was not representing and had no authority to represent Quickie, LLC ("Quickie") at the time the subject maintenance fee for the above-identified patent was due. We have provided you with documentation obtained from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's website showing that Quickie revoked GT's power of attorney in March 2003 and in December 2003, Thelen Reid & Priest LLP took over as attorneys of record in connection with the patent, all of which occurred prior to the deadline of May 23, 2004, to pay the maintenance fee. GT did not have an ongoing duty to advise Quickie of the deadline and/or pay the maintenance fee after its responsibilities for the patent were terminated. Therefore, the documents and information that you are seeking from us are irrelevant and would not support Quickie's assertion of unavoidable delay before the USPTO's Office of Petitions. Accordingly, we decline as inappropriate under these circumstances you request for interviews of GT attorneys and staff and copies of our business policies and docketing and calendaring records.

Very truly yours,

  
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